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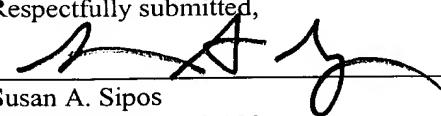
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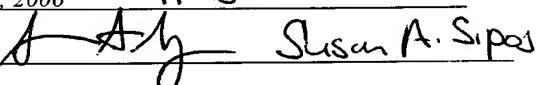
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Response in reply to the May 15, 2006 Final Office Action and to the October 17, 2006 interview conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks and Substance of the Interview:** Begin on page 4.